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COURT BUILDING UNDER WAY

A Penny for your Thoughts

While out watching practice for the Pop Warner Football Association, the Pennies photographer asked several of the youngsters to comment on Pop Warner Football from his own standpoint.

Coy Hall, 13, 1020 Hickory
"I am out most of all for the fun of playing football. I like to play and I play to win. You learn a lot about football. This is my third year in Pop Warner and I think the coaches help to make it a lot of fun."



Lee Haley, 13, 5553 Emerald St.
"I think Pop Warner football helps you to gain some experience and learn the fundamentals of football. That way, it helps you get ready for high school football. We learn good sportsmanship and keep in good physical condition."



Jimmy Yates, 13, 2810 Olive St.
"I am just out to play football because it's fun and I like it. You play with other guys your own age and learn something about football and sportsmanship, too. It is just a lot of fun for me."



John Sarpolis, 13, 4404 W. 234th St.
"I think the best advantage is that it keeps you in good physical condition. Pop Warner takes up some of your spare time, teaches you sportsmanship, and helps to prepare you for high school football."



Jimmy Fox, 13, 1844 Santa Fe
"I like football because it keeps me in good condition for their sports. I also play basketball and baseball. You learn something about sportsmanship and make a few friends, too. I think it's a lot of fun."



Harvey Reports Sales, Income
Harvey Aluminum, (Inc.) has announced for the nine months ending June 30, a net sales figure of \$59,502,965, and a net income of \$2,866,000.



AT GROUND BREAKING . . . A large crowd gathered on the site of the Southwest District Superior Courts Building Friday to hear speakers prior to the laying of the cornerstone. Civic leaders from area cities and the county, and members of the judiciary heard Supervisor Burton W. Chace describe the groundbreaking ceremonies as "A great day for Torrance."

It's Agreed: It Was a Great Day in Torrance

IT'S A great day for Torrance," said Supervisor Burton W. Chace. He was speaking at official groundbreaking ceremonies for the Southwest District Superior Courts Building Friday, and his sentiment was echoed by virtually every speaker on the platform.

"WE'VE BEEN waiting for this day for several years," Chace said. He described the "great finesse" required to settle on a site, recalling that an Inglewood site was considered.

The site, now located in the second district represented by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, was in Chace's district before new lines were drawn last year.

Mayor Albert Isen called the festivities an "epic event in the history of Torrance." He was joined by Judge John A. Shidler, presiding judge of the Southwest District and a long time resident, who said the courts building would serve more than a million people in 12 area cities.

Another theme often expressed during the ceremonies was that of respect for the law. Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson told the crowd the building was a symbol of the law, and added, "The challenge of our times is to instill understanding and respect for the law in our fellow citizens."

SUPERVISOR Hahn added to the theme, reminding the guests the building was a symbol of a government whose purpose "is to serve the people."

But Mayor Isen had the last word. Glancing toward the excavation that will become the foundation for the building, Isen said, "We in Torrance think that hole is grander than the Grand Canyon."

Work Begins On Site

Amid the fanfare of brass bands and official ceremonies, a dozen mayors and two county supervisors laid the cornerstone of a \$4 million courts building at the Torrance Civic Center Friday morning.

The Southwest District Superior Courts Building, located on a six-acre site just north of Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue, is now under construction. Completion is expected within two years.

Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson, representing the State of California, headed a list of guests which included Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn, as well as mayors from 12 Southwest District cities, at the official groundbreaking ceremonies. Other guests included judges from the municipal, superior, and appellate courts.

DESIGNED by Adams, Latham, Kripp, and Wright of Long Beach, the new facility includes 12 Superior Courtrooms, offices for the District Attorney, the Public Defender, County Clerk, and other related offices. A County Law Library and a Juvenile Traffic Bureau are also included in the structure. Provisions for the completion of an additional four courtrooms have been made by the architects.

The building is being built by S. Pati Construction Co. under a \$3,978,000 contract. The Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association is providing the construction funds under an agreement with the Board of Supervisors.

Highlight of the ceremonies was the placement of the cornerstone, when Supervisors Chace and Hahn joined Mayor Albert Isen and the mayors of other area cities in putting the granite stone in place. Mayors of their representatives, from El Segundo, (Continued on Page 2)



ALL TOGETHER . . . Ready to lay the cornerstone for the new Southwest District Superior Courts Building are Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Mayor Albert Isen, and Supervisor Burton W. Chace. For the job, the four were joined by mayors of 11 other area cities after official ceremonies Friday. (Press-Herald Photos.)

Beach Apartment Project Faces City Council Test

City Councilmen have a date with decision Tuesday evening.

The question is big—16 stories tall, in fact. Before the council is a petition by the Sovereign Development Co. for a change of zone and a variance on the height limit to permit high-rise construction on the site of the old Riviera Clubhouse.

The petition has been recommended for denial by the city's Planning Commission, which split 4-3 on the vote. The Planning Department, however, has recommended the zone change and the variance be approved.

SOVEREIGN Development Co. has proposed the construction of a 16-story apartment building on the property, including underground parking structures, commercial shops, and a penthouse restaurant at the top level. Estimated cost of the building is about \$6 million.

Homeowners in the Riviera district have gone on record as opposed to the project, citing traffic congestion, commercialization of the area, and obstruction of the view from the hillside. Other homeowner's groups also are expected to oppose the project.

An impressive array of groups, including the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and the Plaza Del Amo Homeowners Association have adopted resolutions of support for the zone change. A newly formed Riviera Beach Improvement Association also has voted support for the project.

THE STRUCTURE would be located at the intersection of Paseo de la Playa and Calle Miramar, bordering the Redondo Beach-Torrance city boundary. The City of Redondo Beach, on Aug. 3, adopted zone changes to permit high-rise along the Esplanade north of the Torrance beach area. The project to be developed as a condominium apartment, calls for construction of a slim-line building occupying about 20 per cent of the available land area. The remaining area would be landscaped, or used for parking. In addition, three sub-surface levels will be used.

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Jaycees Selected For Book

Three members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce have been selected for inclusion in the 1965 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America."

Doug Hedde, Rufus Parnell Jones, and Robert Vroman were selected by a 13-man National Board of Editors for the publication. All three were nominated by the Torrance Jaycees earlier this year.

The publication lists men between 21 and 36 who "have distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding." The book is scheduled for publication early in January.

Hedde and Vroman have been active in the Jaycee chapter for several years. Both have played prominent roles in the annual Rancho Days festivities.

Jones, the 1963 Indianapolis 500 winner, was cited for his achievements in racing.

Assemblyman Has Surgery

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas underwent exploratory surgery at 11 a.m. Friday. His secretary reported the Assemblyman was doing "just fine" after the operation, performed at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach. Thomas entered the hospital Wednesday after becoming ill while visiting friends in Avalon on Catalina Island.

Golf Course Endorsed

Members of the Riviera Homeowners Association have voted support for the proposed municipal golf course and offered any help that is necessary to the city. In a letter signed by Karl Stefek Jr., president of the group, the homeowners said they were "on record as wholeheartedly endorsing this proposal."

Realtors Meet Wednesday

Walter C. Prill, educational service manager of the Southern Counties Gas Co., will address members of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors at noon Wednesday, according to Geneva Meara, program chairman. Prill's topic will be "Is Anybody Listening?"

Youngster Hit by Car

Richard Wachter, 9, of 2218 W. 229th Place, was injured about noon Friday when he was struck by a car on Pennsylvania Avenue near 230th Street. Driver of the car was Joan Grace Ryan, 31, of 24350 Pennsylvania Ave. The youngster was taken by ambulance to the Torrance Medical Group for treatment. The driver was not held.



SIGN REGISTER . . . Press-Herald Publisher Glenn W. Pfeil (right) and Mayor Albert Isen are the first to inscribe their names on the official register for groundbreaking ceremonies for the Southwest District Superior Courts Building. Sam Stewart, executive editor of

the South Bay Daily Breeze (left) also adds his name to the list. The register, signed by all who attended the groundbreaking ceremonies Friday, will be placed on display in the lobby of the new structure. (Press-Herald Photo)